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Flooding Update

As of 5/11/17 at 4:30 pm

Collinsville, IL - The Illinois Department of Transportation announces currently remaining road closures due to major flooding within District 8: **IL 3** south of Chester; **IL 3 truck bypass (Water St.)** in Chester; and **Kaskaskia Street** in Chester.

These roadways and services have reopened today: **IL 100** between IL 3 (Grafton) and IL 16 (Nutwood); **IL 100 @ IL 96** in Kampsville; **Brussels Ferry**; and **IL 155** in Prairie DuRocher. The necessary cleanup, inspection and repair efforts are underway. Until such time as highways are opened for travel, the Department reminds all motorists to heed closure and all other signage – as significant debris has been deposited on flooded roadways and soil erosion has been observed. In addition, the necessary highway inspections cannot be completed until this debris is removed. We expect the remaining roadways will reopen over the next 24 hours.

The Department will continue monitoring State roadways in the affected areas of Illinois throughout this event. Flooding has or will require closure of State Highways and Ferries along the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers as well as several creeks and streams. Over the next several days, we will provide updates, as warranted, when developments occur.

Traffic control devices and directional signage, including dynamic message boards, have been deployed to guide motorists safely around major closures. Travelers are advised to consider alternate routes or allow additional time to travel known flood prone areas. Regardless, all motorists are urged to be patient, reduce speed and exercise added caution throughout the Metro East region – as traffic patterns and travel times will likely be affected.

Since this is a very dynamic situation, please see the Department's website, <http://www.idot.illinois.gov/home/Comm/emergency-road-closures>, for the latest information on roadway closures throughout Illinois. Detailed information on the Metro East is also available at <http://apps.dot.illinois.gov/stl-traffic/>. For IDOT District 8 updates on Twitter, please follow us at <https://twitter.com/IDOTDistrict8>.



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